

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Official Action mailed July 17, 2006. Claims 9-19 are pending in this Application. Claims 13-19 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action for this Application.

Claims 13, 15, and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Boyd, et al. in view of Halsey. Claims 13, 15, and 16 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to allow this application to proceed to issuance.

Claim 14 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Boyd, et al. in view of Halsey and further in view of Michaels. Claim 14 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to allow this application to proceed to issuance.

Claims 17-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Boyd, et al. in view of Michaels and further in view of Lobb, et al. Claims 17-19 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to allow this application to proceed to issuance.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of Claims 9-12.

CONCLUSION

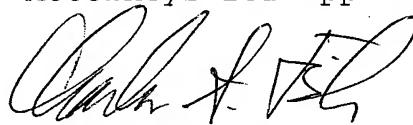
Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance and interference review. For the foregoing reasons and for other apparent reasons, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees and/or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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